

## U.S. Department of Justice

**Executive Office for Immigration Review** 

Office of the General Counsel

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Via U.S. Mail
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Re:

FOIA 2018-40237

Dear Mr. Hoppock:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated July 18, 2018 in which you seek the following:

- All e-mail messages sent to or from the e-mail address
   "AllofOCIJHDQandCourts@EOIR.USDOJ.gov" between the dates of June 21, 2018 and the date
   this request is processed containing any of the following keywords: "Pereira" "Peirera"
   "NTA" or "NTAs" or "Notice to Appear";
- 2. All e-mail messages to or from EOIR employee Christopher A. Santoro between the dates of June 21, 2018 and the date this request is processed containing any of the following keywords: "Pereira" or "Perera" or "Peirera" or "NTA" or "NTAs" or "Notice to Appear" or "Notices to Appear"; and
- 3. All records reflecting the processing of FOIA 2018-40237

Responsive documents are enclosed. Some records have been withheld in their entirety in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) to protect attorney-client privileged communications. Note there is no duty to segregate exempt information from non-exempt information in communications protected by the attorney-client privilege.

Additionally, portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) to protect certain intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege.

Additionally, portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) to avoid a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Finally, some documents originated from another agency. We have referred that material to the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS) for processing and direct response to you. To follow up on this portion of your request, you may contact DHS/USCIS at:

National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office P. O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO. 64064-8010

FOIA Officer/Public Liaison: Jill Eggleston

Phone: 1-800-375-5283 (USCIS National Customer Service Unit)

E-mail: uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov

Freedom of Information Act Office 500 12th Street, SW, Stop 5009 Washington, D.C. 20536-5009 FOIA Officer: Catrina Pavlik-Keenan

FOIA Requester Service Center Contact: Fernando Pineiro

Phone: 866-633-1182 E-mail: ice-foia@dhs.gov

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. See http://www.justice.gov/oip/ foiapost/2012foiapost9.html.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number 703-605-1297 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site <a href="https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home">https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home</a>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Joseph Schaaf

J. R. Schaaf Chief Counsel for Administrative Law

**Enclosure:** 

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